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1. ACCORDING TO ROBIN ALLOTT (ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY), THE UK CONSIDERS THAT THERE IS A GENERAL CONSENSUS AMONG THE NINE, FOLLOWING THE OCTOBER 12 MEETING OF THE 113 COMMITTEE (REF A), THAT THE SUB-STRUCTURE OF THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE SHOULD CONFORM TO THE EXISTING GATT COMMITTEE STRUCTURE. JURISDICTION OVER THE EXISTING COMMITTEES SHOULD MERELY BE TRANSFERRED, WITH MINOR ADJUSTMENTS, FROM THE GATT COUNCIL TO THE TNC.

2. THE UK BELIEVES THAT IT IS ONLY REALISTIC TO HAVE AN AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE UNDER THE TNC, ACCORDING TO ALLOTT. BRITISH OFFICIALS RECOGNIZE THAT IT WILL BE NO EASIER TO RESOLVE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES ON AGRICULTURE IN A SUBCOMMITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER THE TNC THAN IT HAS BEEN IN THE GATT AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE. THESE DIFFERENCES WILL NOT DISAPPEAR IF AGRICULTURAL QUESTIONS ARE TRANSFERRED TO OTHER COMMITTEES, HOWEVER. AS ALLOTT PUT IT, INSTEAD OF HAVING A STALEMATE IN ONE COMMITTEE, WE WOULD THEN HAVE STALEMATES IN SEVERAL. ALLOTT POINTED OUT THAT OTHER EC MEMBER STATES ARE MORE FIRMLY ATTACHED TO RETAINING AN AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE THAN THE UK, AND SAID THAT IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL AGREE TO THE U.S. APPROACH ON THIS QUESTION.

3. ROY DENMAN (DEPUTY SECRETARY, DTI) AND MARTIN LAM (UNDER SECRETARY, DTI) WILL BE IN GENEVA NEXT WEEK FOR THE OPENING MEETING OF THE TNC.

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